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Japan Publication No. 10-177760 - To provide a compact and low-cost disk ejecting mechanism having a function of completely stopping the rotation of a disk before ejecting the disk by a simple structure. This mechanism includes a disk tray 1 pressed by a tray ejecting spring 10, a disk eject lever 3 for ejecting a disk 20, a lock lever 2 for locking the disk tray 1 and

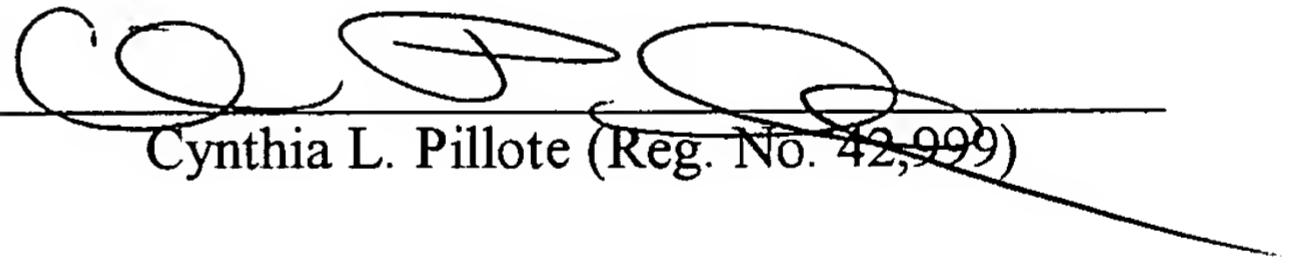
a lock catch 7 engaged with the lock lever 2 to perform locking, the lock lever 2 is driven by operating the disk eject lever 3 and the disk 20 is ejected from the disk tray 1 by disengagement between the lock lever 2 and the lock catch 7. At this time, a stop command switch 6 is actuated before the lock lever 2 is driven and the rotation of the disk 20 is stopped.

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